

# Inversions and Reversals by Garry Jacobs

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## 1. Life sometimes gives us the opposite result from what we expect?

- A. The disciple X declared he is going into silence. A week later the head of dining room food distribution, R, cut the sugar ration for X. Sri Aurobindo commented, "What else could R do. X is the only one who cannot complain. This unexpected result was a direct response to X's egoistic assertion of his spiritual superiority.
- B. Mrs Bennett's dinner invitations to Bingley result in Bingley leaving for London each time.
- C. When Bingley asks Darcy to dance with Elizabeth, Darcy asks him not to marry Jane.
- D. He says every savage can dance. After refusing to dance with anyone, Darcy asks Eliza to dance 3 times – he is refused and abused.
- E. An employer asks an employee to do a personal favor, the employee complains to others of having to do his duty
- F. We can call this phenomena inversion of results

## 2. Inversions

- A. Life is filled with inversions
- B. Inversions are external projections of what we are inside
  - The simplest example of an inversion is a mirror image
    - literally inside out or upside down, opposite in some respect from the original that they mirror, but still a real mirror image
- C. We project our inside outside – Darcy's world
  - His pride is mirrored by Elizabeth's prejudice
  - He honors Eliza by proposing and she feels insulted
  - Wickham's handsome face and bad character is an inversion of Darcy's crude external behavior and good character
  - He wants to keep aloof, Wickham wants to marry his sister
  - His urge to dominate & Bingley's submissiveness
  - Caroline's sharp meanness reflects his own earlier attitudes
  - Lady Catherine's boorishness mirrors Mrs. Bennet's
  - The Gardiners (inferior connections) are superior to the Hursts
- D. Struggling to fight with an external inversion is like shadow boxing
  - W's accusation of arrogance reflected my own thought

### **3. Our lives are full of inversions – what are the inversions in P&P?**

#### **A. Love at first sight**

- Darcy's first response to Elizabeth is opposite of his inner feeling – tolerable announces marriage proposal
- Elizabeth's first response is to despise him – why?

#### **B. Wickham**

- His story at Meryton is an inversion of the truth about Darcy
- His character is an inversion of Darcy

#### **C. Caroline's criticism of Elizabeth at Pemberley reflects Darcy's criticism of her at Netherfield. Caroline is a reflection of Darcy's negative side.**

#### **D. Darcy opposes Bingley's marriage to Jane, then decides to marry her sister.**

#### **E. Elizabeth wanting Bingley to marry Jane is mirrored by Caroline wanting him to marry Georgiana**

#### **F. Lady Catherine's opposition to Elizabeth is a reflection of Darcy's own opposition to the Bennet family.**

### **4. The Divine becomes the universe by Inversion**

#### **A. This is the spiritual truth of inversion**

#### **B. Sachidananda becomes Matter through reversal of involution**

#### **C. Absolute → Undivided Oneness of Sachidananda**

#### **D. Supermind -- One in the Many and Many in the One**

#### **E. Transcendent → Universal Existence**

- Timeless → time
- Infinite → finite
- Supermind → mind
- Subliminal → Surface
- Soul → ego

#### **F. Inconscient → Matter**

### **5. Ego is the source of inversions**

#### **A. Unknowable comes as values**

- While we are in ego, it comes to us as egoistic values from life

#### **B. Caroline reflects his sarcasm – her mother a wit**

#### **C. Darcy's sense of triumph attracts Elizabeth's abuse**

#### **D. Offerings – ego inverts service as assertion**

#### **E. Helping others gets us in trouble because our help is egoistic**

## **F. Negative attributes are inversions of positive values**

- A value is not lost just because it is reversed.
- Selfishness saturated is self-giving reversely organised.
- Spiritually courage and timidity are the same vibrations in the reverse. One expresses the energy. The other suppresses the energy. Socially one is admirable the other is despicable. Spiritually one completes the other. The courageous Man will not be recognized unless there are timid Men.
- Miserliness perfected at saturation converts this saturation into Money value. Reversing it, one presides over the wealth of the world.
- Shameless dissipation is the highest value reversed.
- Insult is the reverse of a deep impression that goes to the origin.

## **6. Inversions represent opportunities**

### **A. Saturated energy attracts the opposite**

- When negative intensity reaches its peak, it announces great opportunity
- Eliza's saturated urge at ball attracts Darcy, again at Hunsford and Lambton, Pemberley
- Elopement is announcement of great opportunity – solution comes at pt of despair –
- Beautyland

### **B. Infinitesimal is the frontal form of the infinite**

- Always it is the unknowable that comes to us
- Edmund Dantes in prison –imprisonment announces his future greatness
- Editor refuses to publish our article and three years later offers to start a journal with us and fill 2/3rds of the first issue with our articles.

## **7. Matter becomes Spirit by evolutionary Reversal**

**A. Matter → Life**

**B. Life → Mind**

**C. Collective → Individual Ego**

**D. Ego → Psychic, spiritual individual**

**E. Individual → universal**

**F. Individual → Transcendent**

**G. Triple transformation**

**H. Psychic → Supramental Being**

## 8. What is a Reversal?

- A. The key question for every devotee is to discover the points at which life asks you to reverse and the make the inner reversal in each case.
- B. All that comes, comes to make us conscious - make us consciously reverse
- C. Reversals are brought about by fresh facts, changed context for the same facts, changing view, a new goal, a higher plane, the outer as the inner, the inner that includes the outer, abolition of the distinction of outer and inner
- D. One who changes his attitude, will find that any event of the past can now be reversed.
- E. Darcy's external reversals toward Eliza
  - He asks her to dance 3 times
  - After trying to ignore her at Netherfield, he calls on her daily at Hunsford
  - After calling her tolerable, he proposes at Hunsford
  - He wants to introduce his sister Georgiana and invite her to dinner
  - Darcy who forced Bingley to leave Netherfield brings him back and encourage him to seek out Jane.
  - After speaking of her inferior connections in Cheapside, he asks to be introduced to the Gardiners, invites Mr Gardiner fishing and to dinner, then calls at their home in London and welcomes them as guests at Pemberley after marriage.
  - He saves Lydia and does not claim any credit, so he gets all the credit.
  - Having written to Elizabeth about Wickham, he has to pay Wickham to marry her sister
- F. Conscious Reversal is a process of transformation
  - Elizabeth on reading Darcy's letter reverses her attitude (partially)
  - Darcy after Hunsford proposal reversals his attitudes to himself, her and society.
  - To know, overcome intelligently a negative process by fully absorbing the service of a negative constituent.
- G. Darcy's psychological reversal
  - Egoistic separative assertion accepting love pure discovers an emotional wonder. What her abuse did to him, Pemberley and Reynolds did to her.
  - He recognizes Mrs. Bennet in his aunt Lady Catherine
  - He discovers Lydia in Georgiana

- He recognizes Collins in himself
- Mr. Hurst is like Mr. Bennet
- He discovers Wickham in himself

#### H. Eliza's attitude to Wickham

- She believed him and then has to call him dishonest
- She defended him and then has to condemn him
- Casual error of youth

#### I. Eliza's reversal toward Darcy

- She says she has every reason to think ill of him
  - It is later inverted as I have every reason in the world to be grateful to you.
  - Anger, prejudice, ignorance, impatience, folly have to reverse like that.
- Hunsford letter
  - self awareness that she is from a family of low consciousness
  - move from vital to mental
- Holiday in Lake country shifts to Derbyshire
- Mistress of Pemberley
- Confesses she is a selfish creature
- Expresses heartfelt gratitude

#### J. Mr Bennet

- He allowed the negative to grow in freedom and exhaust itself in the field of one's patience for 25 years – an infinite patience,
- His decision to repay Mr. Gardiner at any cost.
- He reverses the course of his 25 year married life
- He asserted decency and stopped shameless dissipation
- Not all events reverse. There are events that continue their character.
- Mr. Bennet who kept quiet till Lydia ran away, had to keep quiet for another reason during the proposals of Darcy and Bingley. In one the words are reversed, in the other attitude is reversed.

#### K. Who else reverses?

- Mrs Bennet reverses her response to Collins and later to Darcy
- Jane shed duplicity -- disillusionment with Caroline
- Lady Catherine's opposition to Eliza – she has to reverse
- Caroline has to relent and accept Lizzy as mistress of Pemberley and Jane as her sister-in-law

### 9. What are the consequences of conscious Reversal?

- A. When we reverse, the source of inversion goes away or reverses or serves

- B. The choice to reverse the negative accomplishes the positive.
- C. The greater the reversal, the greater is the change
- D. Repugnance can be overcome at its point of saturation.
  - Collins and Mrs. Bennet raised Darcy's repugnance to saturation.
  - No movement can be reversed till it is saturated.
  - Surrender, the capacity to voluntarily give up all the capacities so far acquired converts grace into supergrace, removes not only the attributes of ego but nature's vitality and physicality, so saturation is not required.
- E. Past acts reversed leave a remainder, a legacy.
  - Mother's consciousness transforms, which means every evil propensity and the old act is reversed to its good aspect.

## 10. Eight Reversals

- A. As one progresses in the eight reversals, one discovers the folly of the previous stage.
- B. Non-action
- C. Non-reaction – problem is solved
- D. Manners and behaviour can be reversed, not character and personality
  - Reversal of behaviour is a moment of revolution in one's life
  - Other person's negative act serves us
    - Wickham's elopement
    - Lady Catherine's visit to Longbourne
  - Withdrawing faith in external methods – BSNL
- E. Reversal of attitude
  - Other man reverses his attitude (Darcy, Eliza)
  - If he has really changed, she won't be there – she reflects him
- F. Change of character
  - Other man changes his character – total reversal
- G. Reversal of consciousness
  - Wickham will be transformed
- H. Process of creation
- I. Life reveals the marvel